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SYNOPSIS

Requires electric public utilities to implement flood mitigation plans for electric distribution substations and transfer stations in certain flood zones.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning electric public utility flood mitigation plans and
2 supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
8 Legislature as this bill):

9 “Board” means the Board of Public Utilities.

10 “Electric distribution substation” or “substation” means, with
11 respect to an electric public utility, an electric substation or transfer
12 station which takes electricity from the transmission grid and
13 converts it to a lower voltage for the purpose of distribution to end-
14 use customers in the State through one or more distribution lines
15 having a rating of less than 69 kilovolts, or a rating as the board to
16 determines to be at the distribution level.

17 “Electric public utility” or “utility” means a public utility, as that
18 term is defined in R.S.48:2-13, that transmits and distributes
19 electricity to end users within this State.

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21 2. a. Within 120 days of the board’s promulgation of the rules
22 and regulations establishing flood-proof design regulations pursuant
23 to section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
24 as this bill), each electric public utility in the State, having
25 ownership or control of an electric distribution substation located
26 within any velocity or “V” zone indicated on any advisory base
27 flood elevation or effective base flood elevation map proposed or
28 adopted after October 29, 2012, by the Federal Emergency
29 Management Agency, shall prepare and submit to the board a plan
30 to mitigate flood damage to the substation in accordance with the
31 flood-proof design regulations promulgated by the board pursuant
32 to section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
33 as this bill).

34 b. Any plan submitted to the board pursuant to subsection a. of
35 this section, shall be subject to board review and approval. In the
36 event that the board disapproves a plan, the board shall provide in
37 writing the electric public utility its reasons for disapproval. If the
38 board fails to take any action concerning the plan within 120 days
39 of receipt of the plan, the plan shall be considered approved by the
40 board. Each electric public utility shall file a copy of an approved
41 plan with the board.

42 c. The board shall require each electric public utility to report
43 annually on its compliance with the requirements of this section.
44 The electric public utility shall make these reports available to the
45 public, which shall pertain only to the electric public utility’s
46 compliance and shall not include any information deemed to be
47 sensitive security information.

